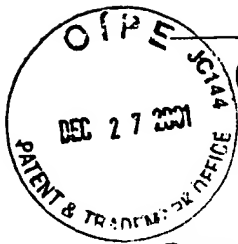


\$1653



LAHIVE
&
COCKFIELD
LLP

COUNSELLORS AT LAW
28 STATE STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109-1784
TELEPHONE (617) 227-7400
FAX (617) 742-4214
lc@lahive.com

JOHN A. LAHIVE, JR. (1928-1997)
THOMAS V. SMURZYNSKI
RALPH A. LOREN
GIULIO A. DeCONTI, JR.
ANN LAMPORT HAMMITTE
ELIZABETH A. HANLEY
AMY BAKER MANDRAGOURAS
ANTHONY A. LAURENTANO
KEVIN J. CANNING
JANE E. REMILLARD
DeANN FORAN SMITH
PETER C. LAURO
JEANNE M. DIGIORGIO
DEBRA J. MILASINCIC, Ph.D.
DAVID J. RIKKERS
DAVID R. BURNS
JOHN S. CURRAN
SEAN D. DETWEILER

CYNTHIA L. KAMIK, Ph.D.
MEGAN E. WILLIAMS, Ph.D.
RICHA NAND
MICHAEL PHILLIPPS
LISA M. DiROCCO
HATHAWAY P. RUSSELL ***

SENIOR COUNSEL
JAMES E.
COCKFIELD

OF COUNSEL
JEREMIAH LYNCH
WILLIAM A. SCOFIELD, JR.

PATENT AGENTS
THEODORE R. WEST
SHAYNE Y. HUFF, Ph.D.
DANIEL B. KO

TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS
MARIA LACCOTRIPE ZACHARAKIS, Ph.D.**
CYNTHIA M. SOROOS
PETER W. DINI, Ph.D.
EUIHOON LEE
JENNIFER K. ROSENFELD
ALLAN TAMESHTIT, Ph.D.
CATHERINE E. McPHERSON
ERIC F. WAGNER, Ph.D.
SHAHID HASAN, Ph.D.
JACOB G. WEINTRAUB
PETER A. DIMATTIA
JONATHAN M. SPARKS, Ph.D.
CRISTIN E. HOWLEY, Ph.D.
VINCENT P. LOCCISANO
MERIDETH C. ARNOLD

* Admitted in NY only
** Passed the Patent Bar Examination
*** Admitted in TX only

November 9, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED
DEC 31 2001
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Re: U.S. Continuation Patent Application Serial No. 09/439,740
Title: *Recombinant Transferrins, Transferrin
Half-Molecules and Mutants Thereof*
Inventors: Walter D. Funk *et al.*
Filing Date: November 15, 1999
Attorney Docket No. UVI-005CP2CN

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Amendment and Response to Office Action (Appendices A - C);
2. Request for Three-Month Extension of Time (*in duplicate*);
3. Check for \$460.00 (*extension fee*); and
4. Pre-paid acknowledgment postcard.

Please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. *A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.*

<p>Certificate of First Class Mailing (37 CFR 1.8(a))</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on:</p> <p>November 9, 2001 Date</p> <p>Debra J. Milasincic, Esq. Reg. No. 46,931</p>
--

Respectfully submitted,

LAHIVE & COCKFIELD, LLP

Debra J. Milasincic, Esq.
Registration No. 46,931
Attorney for Applicants